

März 2012 im "Fundbuero"

Dear Friends of *Das Fundbuero*,

The Weiße Elster River is thawed and flowing fast, a sure sign that spring is on its way. With it comes a full schedule in the Leipziger Zentrale. Along with our regular monthly event, we're hosting two more events during the Leipzig Book Fair.

March Events:

Work in the GDR - According to the Law, a Duty to Fulfill

Work is often a synonym for prosperity, a possibility to take part in cultural life and societal recognition. For this reason, full-employment of the population is the goal of practically every political party in Germany. In the GDR, the self-named "worker's and farmer's state," there was both a "right to work" as well as a "duty to work." "Antisocial" behavior such as shirking work could be punished with imprisonment for up to two years. However, not every person could always work in the area where his or her talents or interest lay.

Political scientist **Oliver Kloss** gives us a glimpse into this controversial topic on **Wednesday, March 14 at 7pm**.

Leipzig Reads! Readings during the Leipzig Book Fair

On **Saturday, March 17th**, the Leipziger Zentrale will host two readings as part of the event series "Leipzig liest." At **1:00 Uta Serwuschock**, member of the Leipzig Sanftwut Cabaret, will read amusing short stories from her book "Woran erkennt man eine ostdeutsche Verkäuferin?" (How Do You Recognize an East German Saleswoman?). At **4:00 Holger Witzel** reads from "Schnauze Wessi", the collection of his widely discussed columns from Stern.de on East/West German relations.

Best Wishes,

Your *Vermittlerin*,

Monica Sheets